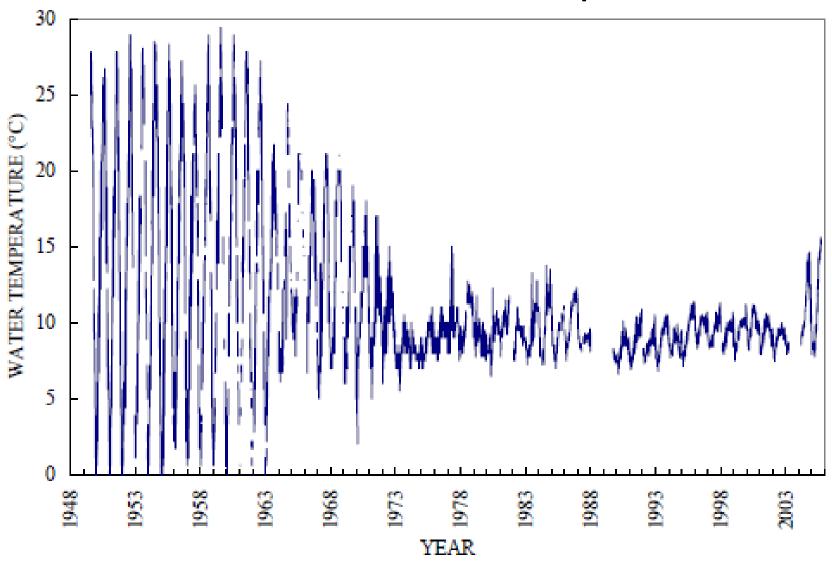
# How does temperature affect fish?



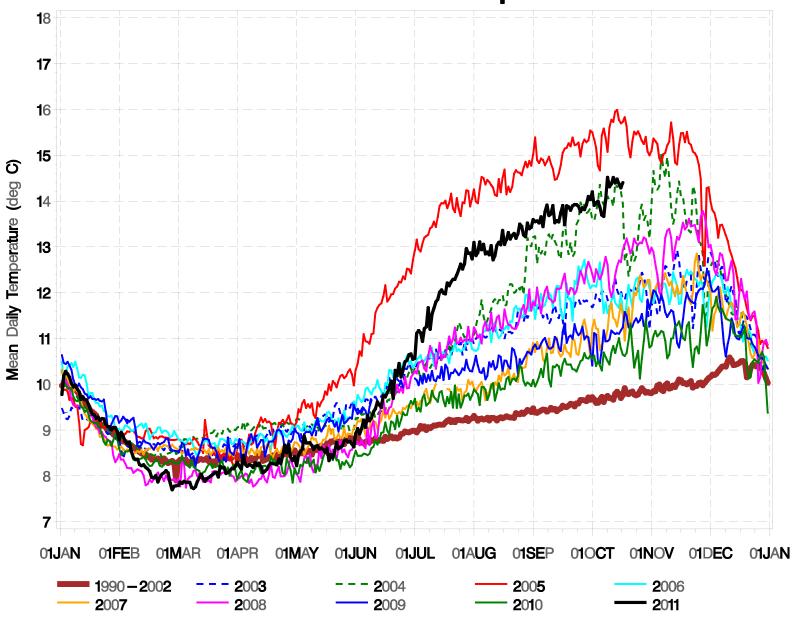
Egg maturation/hatching
Growth
Swimming ability
Predation vulnerability



#### **Mainstem Colorado River Temperature**



#### **GCD Release Temperatures**



#### **Egg/larval survival**





- 5 °C 0 % survival of humpback chub embryos (Marsh 1985)
- 10 °C 0 % survival of humpback chub embryos (Marsh 1985)
- 12 °C 12 % hatching success and 15% larval survival (Hamman 1982)
- 16 °C 62 % hatch success and 91% larval survival (Hamman 1982)
- 19 °C 84 % hatch success and 95% larval survival (Hamman 1982)



	June 20, 2010	December 2, 2010	
Temperature °C	Total Length (mm)  Mean Range	Total Length (mm)  Mean Range	Average Growth (mm)
12.5	50.5 (40 - 65)	52.8 (40 - 68)	2.3
20	50.5 (40 - 67)	72.3 (55 - 103)	21.8

166 days

0.4 mm/month in Cold Water

3.9 mm/month in warm water

D. Ward, Unpublished Provisional Data

#### Larval/Juvenile growth

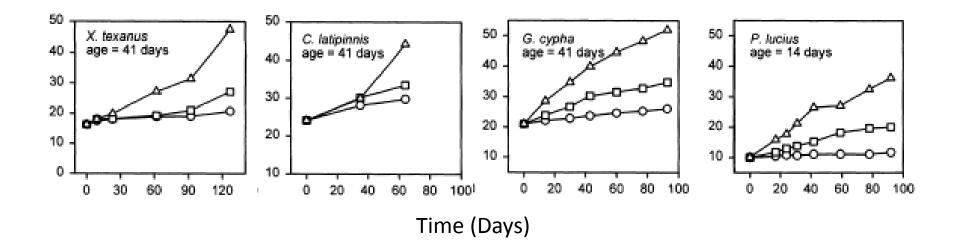


Figure 1. Changes in length (TL) over time for early life stages of big river fishes reared at three temperatures. Points represent mean responses of each species; ages are days post hatch at initiation of experiment. Circles denote 10 C, Squares 14 C and Triangles 20 C.

#### Juvenile growth

Figure 1. Humpback chub length with standard error bars

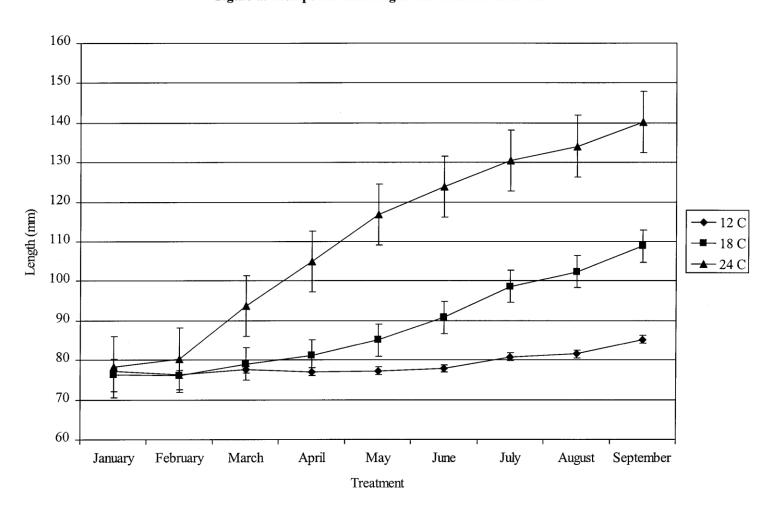
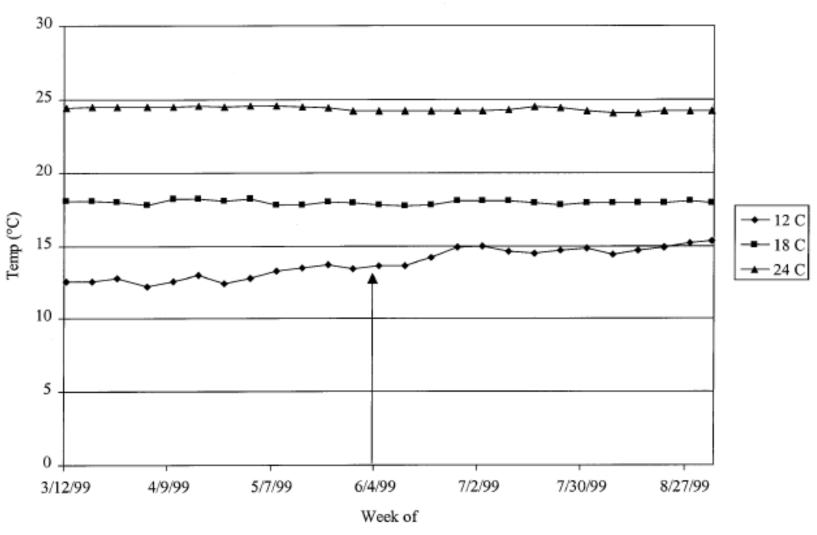
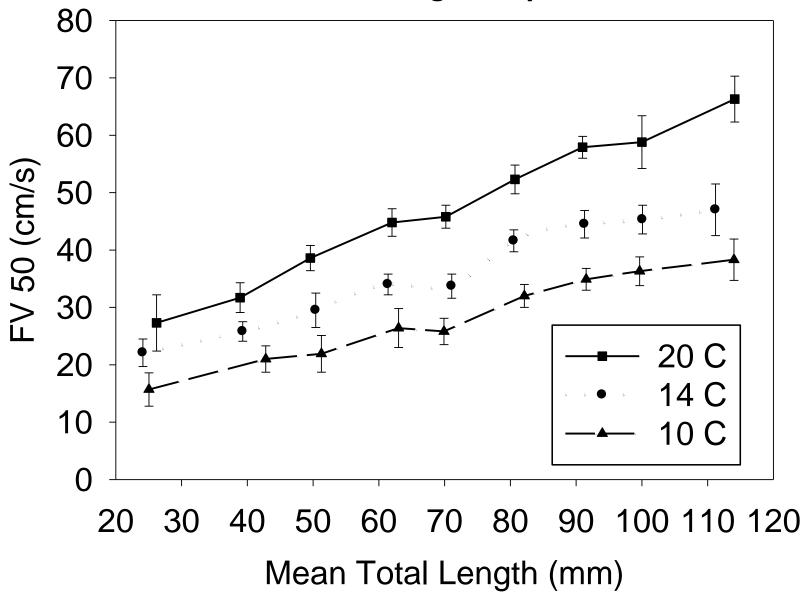


Figure 9. Temperatures in recirculating systems



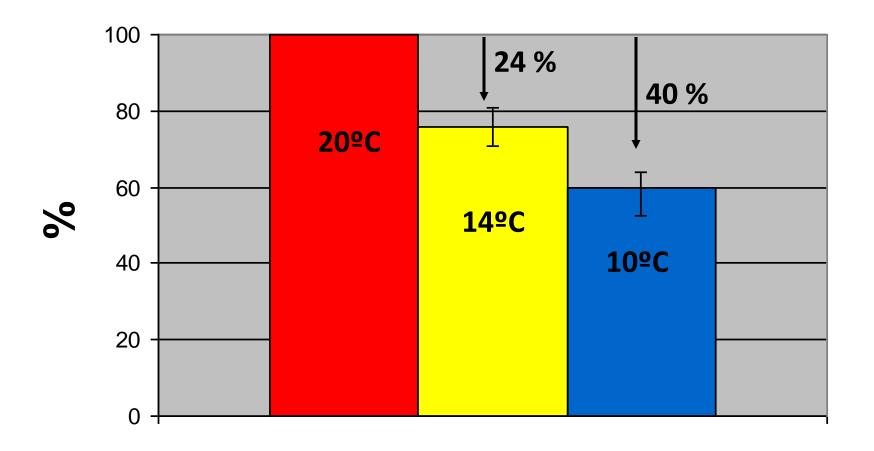
Gorman and Vanhoosen, 2000



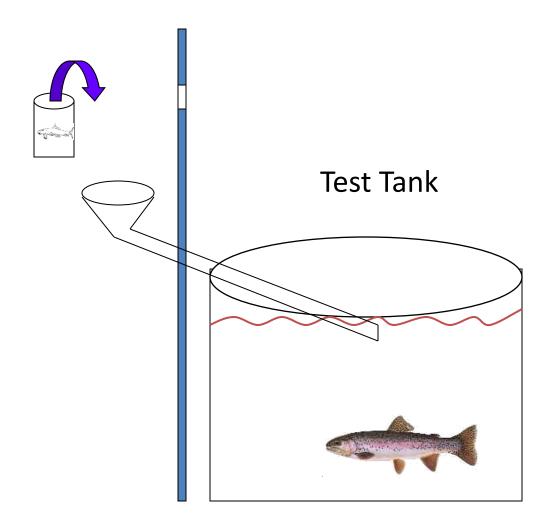


Ward et al. 2002, Transactions of the American Fisheries Society

## Average decrease in swimming ability at reduced temperatures



#### **Predation Vulnerability**



Two control trials (20°C) and two experimental trials (10°C)

### Comparison of number of attacks versus number of prey consumed

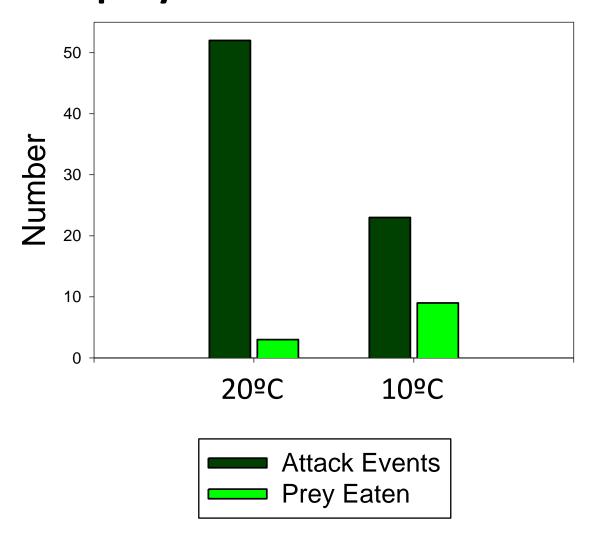
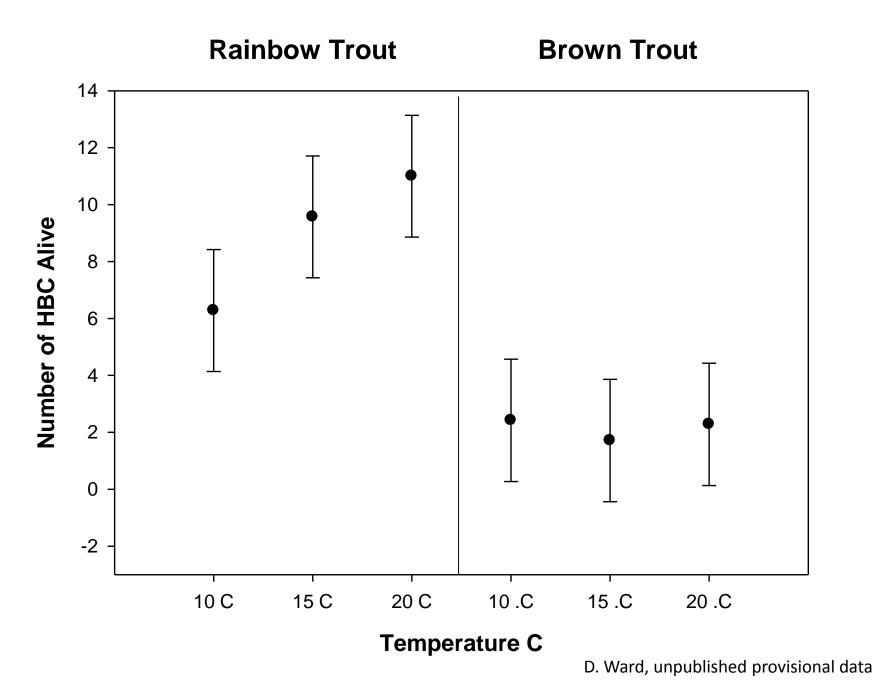


Table 1. Ability of flannelmouth sucker to escape predation by rainbow trout following an abrupt 10°C temperature change as measured by the number of attacks and number of prey consumed during 10-min predation tests.

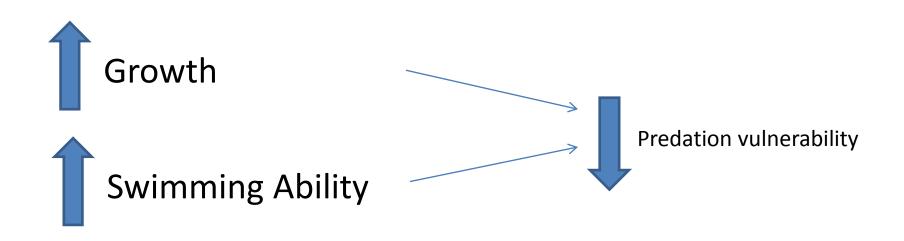
Temperature °C	Number of attacks	Number consumed	% Successful attacks
20	52	3	5.8
10	23	9	39.1







### Increased water temperature



How much increase in temperature is enough?